Foodgrains in FCI godown in Tamil Nadu

1962. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foodgrains stored in FCI godown in Tamil Nadu was destroyed as the foodgrains were stored for a much longer period than normal;

(b) if so, what is the normal period for which foodgrains are stored in closed godowns and open godowns;

(c) the quantity of foodgrains which was wasted in the said godown; and

(d) in what manner Government justify such a gross National waste of foodgrains as in the case in FCI godowns in Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Normal storage period for foodgrains is 2 to 3 years in open and 3 to 4 years in covered godowns.

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of reply given in part (a) of the question.

Corruption in Super Bazar

1963. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) what action has been taken on the recommendation of the Parliamentary Committee to transfer Super Bazar either to the NCT of Delhi or to some Multi State Co-operative Society and for early disposal of corruption cases against those responsible for losses to the Super Bazar; and

(b) what is the present status in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) The Government of NCT, Delhi was requested to take

over administrative control of the Cooperative Society Ltd. Super Bazar, Delhi. It was informed by Government of NCT Delhi that the proposal of Government of India for transfer of Super Bazar to NCT of Delhi was not approved by Cabinet of Government of Delhi. Similarly, National Cooperative Institutions and other Multi State Cooperative Societies from Delhi and other states are also not willing to manage the affairs of Super Bazar.

Seven major cases of Super Bazar were referred to CBI for investigation. The CBI submitted part of its finding in few cases which, in the opinion of the Department, were to properly looked into. The Department with the approval of the competent authority has once again requested Director, CBI to fix criminal liability on the part of formal Chairman, Super Bazar and others. Report from CBI is awaited. Simultaneously the Liquidator, Super Bazar has also been requested to expedite disposal of vigilance cases relating to charges on the officials of Super Bazar pending before the newly constituted Disciplinary Committee of Super Bazar.

(b) As soon as the report from CBI is received, the Department would initiate action to finalize those cases. Apart from this, most of the disciplinary cases against the officials of Super Bazar have been decided by the newly constituted Disciplinary Committee of Super Bazar and the rest of the cases are likely to be decided soon.

Old foodgrains with FCI

1964. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the approach paper to the Tenth Plan found that half of FCI's grain stock was two years old;

,(b) whether it is also a fact that some grain stock is as old as sixteen years;

(c) if so, the details of the grain stock that are two, three, four and more than five years old;

(d) whether Government are aware of the fact that the foodgrains stored more than a year is not consumable by human beings;